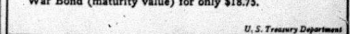


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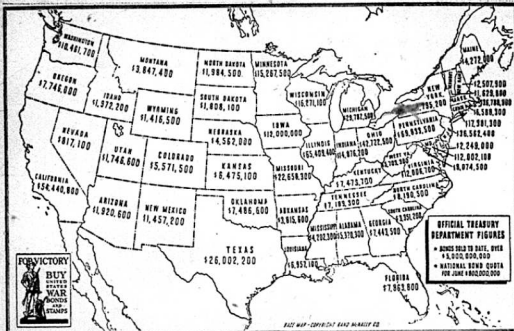


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Too Late To Classify

By
RUSSELL KAY

Florida's vicious fee system and delinquent tax collection racket is going a long way toward offsetting all the pretty picture books and glamorous State Exhibits employed to entice people to this commonwealth.

While it may be a glorious haven for the smart tax dodger who knows all the tricks, and a delightful paradise for the political favorites who ride the gravy train, Florida is a medieval torture chamber for the poor unfortunate, uninitiated property owner who is not a member of the "system" entangled in its greedy meshes.

A shining example of how the "system" works is evidenced in the cases of two widows, one a poor non-resident property owner, the other a wealthy socialite of one of our best families.

The non-resident widow owned a small cottage and two adjoining lots, rented for \$10 a month, which she had struggled to hold in the hope that it would serve as a Florida home in her declining years. Battered through the loss of her husband, without funds, she found herself unable to pay the taxes.

She might have enjoyed the benefits of the Murphy Act if she had quit paying soon enough but unfortunately her delinquency came later and finally she received notice that her little property was to be sold for taxes.

Unable to hire a flock of tax experts or high priced attorneys and assuming that all she need do to save her property was to pay the \$318.44 in back taxes, she appealed to a friend in Florida for help, asking that the taxes be paid with money she had managed to borrow.

The friend, glad to help this distressed soul, went to the tax collector's office only to be informed that the whole matter was now in the hands of a "special attorney." The kind attorney who helped people with their tax problems was not in his office but the young lady in charge explained that you didn't really need to SEE the guy, she could take the dough if you wanted to pay your taxes.

After a hurried look at the records the clerk nonchalantly announced that it came to exactly \$491.28. "But," stammered the widow's friend, "I understood it was only \$318.44. Smacking her gum, the charming receptionist, patiently explained that the additional charge covered "costs" and "fees."

This necessitated telegraphing and explaining, but a few days later a check was mailed \$404.28. It was promptly returned with a curt note to the effect that through a "mistake" certain "costs" had been overlooked and it would be necessary to make another check for \$431.03. It didn't make sense, but the "special attorney" said, "You pay it, or else," so the frantic widow begged and borrowed some more money. In patience and humility she moved some more money. A friendly and benevolent state and county, now "Please could she have her property?" could NOT. It seemed there had been another little oversight. In his eagerness to help a poor widow, the nice "special attorney" had entirely overlooked another

little item of \$7.50. Like a mid-way "grind," it seemed to be a case of "Never give a sucker a break."

The friends paid the \$7.50 under protest and got a receipt, but no cancelled certificates, and demanded an explanation of the charges that forced a person to pay \$438.53 in order to settle a \$318.44 tax bill. It was ALL perfectly legal and according to Hoyle. Here's how the score read: Certified copy of certificate, \$1.50; Clerk's search, \$4.50; Abstract information, \$17.20; Court costs, \$23.25; Master, \$5; Witness fee, \$4.00; Clerk's recording fee, \$7.50; "Special Tax Attorney," \$31.84 and \$25.00—just about everybody in the court house getting a break but the janitor.

Now let's consider the case of the other widow who was wealthy and wise. She owed the same state and county a total of \$352.88. She got notice from the "special attorney" too, but she paid no attention to it. She let her property go to sale and a relative bought it back at the Court House door, settling the taxes for \$18.36, or ten cents on the dollar, throwing the state and county for a loss of \$165.23.

The practice of turning delinquent tax collections over to a "special attorney" is costing the taxpayers of this state millions of dollars, while unjust and extortion "fees" and "costs" milk them at every turn. Tax dodgers are not called to account, and the honest taxpayer is penalized outrageously.

No wonder people are beginning to form taxpayers' associations and wanting to know "How Come?"

United In Marriage

Two South Bay young people Miss Emma Rutli, Cook and Milton Alonzo Cooper were united in marriage in Panama City June 3 and will make their home there for the present as Mr. Cooper is employed at that point.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Cook and has made her home in South Bay for a number of years, attended the South Bay school and for the last year been employed as clerk at the South Bay postoffice.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cooper and was born in Oklauchita, growing to manhood in this community where he attended school at So. Bay and Pahokee.

FARMERS TALK CROP

(Continued from page 1) said it probably would be necessary to make a re-check of information developed by a previous inventory in this county and that the federal government wants food productions kept up to last year's level.

FIGHT AND WRITE

(Continued From Page 1) got about 100 feet from the tracks out in the open and took

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a fighters stance, with nothing but his shorts on, and then too large for him. He would reach down every few seconds and pull them up so they wouldn't fall off. The fellow going out to fight him got so tickled he came back in laughing and even induced the Irishman to come in too. Wish I could have taken his picture. He weighs 215 and isn't as tall as I am. Uses all the Irish expressions.

Next month ends my fourth month so I go to thirty dollars per, if I don't get a rating first. Here they don't give men ratings until they have four months service and then nearly everybody gets something, if only PFC. I'm hoping for Corp, but won't know until the first of next month. I say everybody gets a rating. I mean all the men who aren't on squadron duty. That's been called the

bull gang and various other things. It's the men who can't hold any specialty job. I've got an idea the Captain plans to

keep me here until I know how to run a Supply Room and then make me a Sergeant. Regards to all.

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